

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace paragraph [0015] beginning on page 4 with the following rewritten version:

A flywheel assembly according to an eighth aspect of the present invention is the flywheel assembly of any one of the first to seventh aspects, wherein the flywheel assembly further ~~includes~~ includes an inertia member independent of and separate from, i.e. separately formed from, the support member. The work accuracy of the support member may be higher so that the supporting and centering accuracy of the support member for the flywheel is higher because the support member and the inertia member are separately formed.

Please replace paragraph [0026] beginning on page 9 with the following rewritten version:

The first flywheel assembly 4 is fixed to the tip of the crankshaft 2. The first flywheel assembly 4 ensures a large moment of inertia on the crankshaft side. The first flywheel assembly 4 principally includes a disk-like member 13, an annular member (which forms an inertia member with the disk-like member) 14, and a support plate 37 (described hereinafter). The radially inner end of the disk-like member 13 is fixed to the tip of the crankshaft 2 with a plurality of bolts (fix members) 15. Bolt through-holes 13a are formed in the disk-like member 13 in positions corresponding to the bolts 15. The bolts 15 are mounted on the crankshaft 2 from the axial-direction transmission side. The annular member 14 has a thick block shape when viewed cross-sectionally, and is fixed to the axial-direction transmission side on the radially outer end of the disk-like member 13. The radially outer portion of the disk-like member 13 is fixed to the annular member 14 by welding. A ring gear 17 that is

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provided to facilitate engine startup is fixed to the outer circumferential surface of the annular member 14. The first flywheel assembly 4 may also be constructed as an integral member.